

REMARKS

In the above-referenced Office Action the Examiner objected to the Specification and Claims because the hardness of the lip was confused with the hardness of the cup. By this Amendment those changes have been made to the Specification and to the Claims. The Examiner further indicated that Claims 2-8 would be allowable if dependent from an allowable independent Claim. Accordingly Claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten to incorporate the text of Claim 1, and Claims 7 and 8 have been amended as noted above to change the reference to the cup and the lip.

Applicant now considers this case in condition for allowance and an early notice thereof is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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